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INCREASED SUPPLIES OF MOHAIR IN THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA AND  
TURKEY IN 1929

The quantity of mohair available for the current season from the two principal foreign primary sources of supply, the Union of South Africa and Turkey, appears to be considerably in excess of last year, according to information received in the Foreign Service of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

The clip in the Union of South Africa as represented by probable exports for the season ending June 30, 1930 is about 9 per cent above that of the preceding season. In Turkey the supply this season is also larger, because of the heavy carryover from the preceding season, although the clip itself is now estimated to be about 13 per cent smaller due to the heavy loss of goats last winter which was greater than at first anticipated. A percentage as large as 20-25 per cent is not regarded as an exaggeration, taking into account the new kids, according to Assistant Commercial Attache E. P. Keeler.

Union of South Africa

The 1929 mohair clip in the Union of South Africa, as represented by probable exports for the season ending June 30, 1929, is estimated at 10,000,000 pounds including 2,100,000 pounds from Basutoland, according to official reports. This is a 9 per cent increase over the actual exports for 1928-29 reported as 9,183,000 pounds. As this figure is about 400,000 pounds greater than for the year ended June 30, 1928, despite the decrease in angora goats, it can only be assumed that the stocks on hand at the end of last June were considerably less than a year previous. The quality of the clip will be slightly coarser but the length and soundness will be better than last year.

Angora goats in the Union as of June 30, 1929 show a slight increase over the very low number of 1,318,000 reported in June 1928. Prospects for kidding in the spring (September, October and November) are very good. The mohair market at Port Elizabeth was reported as unchanged on October 30. Sales were continuing with super Basuto quoted at 30 cents per pound, average clip at 23 cents, and winter hair average to super, 22 cents to 24 cents.

Turkey

Although the current Turkish clip is now estimated at approximately 13 per cent below last year due to the reported heavy loss of goats last winter, but there was considerably more mohair available for disposal at



the beginning of October 1929 than at the same date a year ago, due partly to the heavy carryover of stocks from the preceding season and partly to the fact that demand was slow during the early part of this season. The current clip is now estimated at approximately 8,600,000 pounds, according to information furnished by Consul in charge Charles E. Allen at Constantinople. However there was a large carryover of 3,390,000 pounds from last season, making the total available for disposal at the beginning of the current season in May approximately 11,990,000 pounds compared with about 9,934,000 pounds at the beginning of the preceding season. Of this quantity only 3,300,000 pounds were reported by Commercial Attache Julian E. Gillespie as disposed of up to October 1, or 39 per cent less than for the corresponding period last year, while the amount of stocks on hand at Constantinople was approximately 6,365,000 pounds at the beginning of October 1929, compared with only 4,401,000 last year at the same time. From this calculation it appears that the amount of the clip still to come forward after October 1, this year, was in the neighborhood of 2,300,000 pounds against only 163,000 pounds last season.

This year the market in September was more active than at the same time a year ago, transactions during that month amounting to 428,000 pounds against only 38,000 pounds in September last year. Last year the season began earlier and practically 60 per cent of the clip was disposed of before the beginning of September, whereas this year disposals during the early months of the season were very small.

Constantinople prices at the end of September for practically all descriptions were 10 to 12 cents per pound below the same month of September a year ago.

TURKEY: Price per pound of mohair at Constantinople at end of  
September 1928 and 1929 and at the end of May 1929

Origin	September 1928	May 1929	September 1929
	Cents	Beginning of season	Cents
Oghlaks .....	46 - 51	36 - 37	37 - 39
Eski Chehir,			
Kutahia, Kara-			
Hissar, etc. ....	42 - 44	32 - 33	31 - 32
Bolavadine .....	41 - 42	30 - 31	30 - 31
Bey-Bazar,			
Angora .....	39 - 41	30 - 30	30 - 30
Castambol			
Saframboe and			
Gherede .....	38 - 39	28 - 29	28 - 29
Konia .....	39 - 41	28 - 29	26 - 29
Deri .....	-	25 - 27	-
Caba .....	21 - 22	20 - 24	19 - 24

Compiled from material furnished by Commercial Attache Julian E. Gillespie, Constantinople.

